

REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. This amendment is believed to be fully responsive to all issues raised in the Office Action mailed
5 January 12, 2004.

• **Claim Rejections**

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Claims 1-34 are
10 canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the rejections of claims 1-34 are rendered moot.

New claims 35-55 are presented for examination. Claims 35-55 recite limitations neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited references. Accordingly, claims 35-55 are allowable over the cited references.

CONCLUSION

Claims 35-55 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt issuance of the present application. Should any issue remain that prevents immediate

5 issuance of the application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss the unresolved issue.

Respectfully Submitted,
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